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## MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

### AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Mr. Geo. S. Barr made a trip to Charleston last week.

Election tickets printed at the County Record office.

Have your letter head and envelopes printed at the County Record office.

Miss Annie Thompson has returned from a trip to her old home.

Dr. D. C. Scott has been quite ill for several days, but is out again.

Mrs. E. J. Pendergrass, of Florence, is visiting the family of Mr. Louis Stackley.

There will be no preaching in the Presbyterian church until October.

Presiding Elder E. T. Hodges preached in the Methodist church last Sunday.

Mr. Dan Cooper, of Coopers, has been spending some time in Kingstree.

The number of pensioners in Williamsburg county has increased from 70 in 1896, to 84 in 1897.

Mr. Charles J. Lesesne is spending some time at his home in Clarendon County.

Mr. A. O. Mouzon will soon move his family here from Greeleyville.

Quite a wind and hail storm visited Kingstree and vicinity last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Eva Rollins, of Lake City, spent several days with Miss Barbara Jacobs last week.

Teachers who do not attend the institute next week cannot have their certificates renewed.

Messrs. E. G. Jacobs, of Macon, Ga., and Clarence Jacobs, of Charleston, are visiting relatives in Kingstree.

Dispensary inspector Hill was in town last Thursday and made a thorough investigation of the dispensary at this place.

Master Napoleon William Joseph Holt Gewinner, of Macon, Ga., is visiting the family of Mr. Louis Jacobs.

Mr. H. A. Graham liberated a crate of homing, or "carrier," pigeons last Friday morning. The birds were from Washington, D. C., and returned there.

Mr. T. E. Hinson, Jr., of Sumter has moved his family to Kingstree, into the residence occupied until recently by the family of Mr. P. A. Alsbrook.

Miss Alma Kelley has gone to Darlington, where she will spend some weeks with relatives and friends, after which she will visit in Marion, before returning to Kingstree.

Dr. John A. Rice, President of the Columbia Female College, will attend the teachers' institute next week, and will make an address, to which the public is invited.

Supervisor Chandler has requested us to state that the salary of the superintendent of the chain gang was not placed at \$35 per month, as was published, but that the salary of the superintendent and guard together was made \$35.

## We Will Pay the Freight.

On all purchases amounting to \$10.00 and over, we will pay the freight to any rail road station in Williamsburg county.

5 Bales (5000 yds.) Granitvill C homespun at 33¢ by the piece or 4c per yard, when cut. 5 bales of very nice quality plaid and check homespun at 33¢ per yard by the bolt or 4c per yard when cut, sold every where at 5c per yard.

3 Bales heavy river side sheeting homespun at 5c per yard, sold everywhere at 6½c per yard. 4000 yards of yard wide Sea Island homespun only 5c per yard. 3000 yards Allins standard dress prints every yard warranted not to fade, good value at 6½c. We only ask you 5c per yard. For the benefit of our lady friends we quote a few prices in household tinware—1 qt. lunch buckets covered only 4c each, 2qt. buckets, covered only 5c each, 3qt. same 8c each, 1qt. heavy block tin dish pans only 15c each, same, 17qts. only 20c each. Heavy 10 inch basins only 5c each, sold everywhere at 10c each. 1pt. water cups only 2c each, same 1qt. water cups only 4c each. Flat dairy or milk pans from 3 to 8 qts. from 4 to 8c each.

Yours for the cash.  
W. E. JENKINSON.  
Manning, S. C.

Rev. W. D. Moorer is assisting the Rev. W. P. Holland in conducting a revival meeting at Turkey creek church this week.

In another column will be seen the advertisement of Mr. F. M. Britton, Sr., who wants to purchase 10,000 cow hides. On Aug. 26th he will be at the depot here and will pay one cent per pound advance for hides delivered to him there.

Owing to sickness on our force we issue the Record a little late this week, and may possibly fail to catch all the mails, which will cause the paper to reach some of our subscribers a day late, but we hope that it will not occur again.

The Senatorial candidates will be in Kingstree next Thursday. Mr. Mayfield has withdrawn from the race, but "the four Johns"—McLaurin, Irby, Evans and Duncan—will be here. Let there be a big audience to greet the speakers, and let everything be in readiness for them. Give all of them a respectful hearing, and all will be well.

A game of base ball was played between the colored nines of Kingstree and Lake City at this place last Friday, in which the Lake Cityans were overwhelmingly defeated. While there was some heavy batting done the Kingstree pitcher struck out an unusually large number of men. The game was witnessed by scores of white people, as well as an immense crowd of negroes.

The following gentlemen will go up to Cheraw today to play two games of base ball with the nine at that place: H G Askins, Louis Gilland, Joe Arms, Will Elwell, Cash Epps, Will Webster, Julian Hanna, Willie McCutchen, W S Moore. The team is under the management of Mr. G. T. Bullard, and will have to play well to win from the Cheraw club, as that town has engaged some good players to assist in the game.

**Why take Johnson's Chill & Fever Tonic? Because it cures the most stubborn case of Fever in ONE DAY.**

## KILLED BY A TRAMP.

### FATE OF MR. JAMES BLACKWELL LAST SUNDAY.

The Tramp Had Been Put Off And Was Under the Car Again. Murderer Escapes.

The Atlantic Coast Line train which arrived here at 11 o'clock yesterday morning brought the news of the killing of one of line's most reliable men. He was deliberately murdered by a white tramp who was stealing a ride and the country round about is now being scoured by a posse with bloodhounds for the murderer. There were several tramps present at the time of the killing—about 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

The victim is Mr. James Blackwell, one of the flagmen of the road who lives near Foreston, where he recently purchased a farm from his savings and located his father upon it. Mr. Blackwell was the flagman on the Atlantic Coast Line's southbound fast train. All night the train crew had been having trouble with several tramps who were beating their way. The engineer ran them off the top of the train when the train stopped at the Mingo Swamp water tank between Dunn's and Benson, the flagman went back to the end of the train to see that the tramps, who had just been put off, did not get on again. Stooping down he saw one of them under the last coach. He went round to the other side to get under easier. Just as he stooped, the tramp reached out and said: "There, you s. o. b., take that." With this he pulled the trigger and Blackwell fell mortally wounded with a bullet in his bowels. The rest of the train crew hurried back to him. They could not catch the murderer, who fled. They say he was so smutty and dirty that it would be hard to recognize him should they see him again.

Mr. Blackwell was taken into the train and all steam was put on for the next station, a few miles distant. A doctor was summoned, but before he arrived the wounded flagman had breathed his last. He died in about 15 minutes after he was shot. The remains was carried on to Fayetteville and left there.

The young man was about 27 years of age and unmarried. He was held in the highest esteem both by the railroad authorities and his fellow employes.—The State, Aug 16th.

Mr. Blackwell was well and favorably known in Kingstree and Williamsburg. He was a brother of Messrs. Joe and Willie Blackwell who have been playing ball here this season. Mr. Willie Blackwell went up to Fayetteville Sunday afternoon and accompanied the remains to Manning.

Several tramps have been arrested, and it is thought the right man may be among them. The Atlantic Coast Line has offered a reward of \$250 for the murderer.

A novel attempt was made to rob a bank in Chagrin Falls, O. Wires were connected with a trolley car line and to the knob of the bank safe, to melt off the knob and get into the safe. The job was nearly completed when the electricity was shut off from the trolley line at midnight, and the attempted burglary was thus fortunately frustrated.—Ex.

## Bethlehem Union.

The Bethlehem Union, South East Association, will meet with the Lanes Baptist church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August 1897. The introductory sermon will be preached by Bro. W. P. Holland, and the Missionary sermon on Sunday by Bro. H. F. Oliver.

The following subjects will be discussed on Friday: The importance of Bible study in the home and by Christians; introductory speaker, Rev. E. M. Hicks. Revival meetings, their character, and when best held; introductory speaker, Rev. S. T. Russel.

Saturday—Christ the Christian model; introductory speaker, A. McA Pittman.

Sunday—Sunday school mass meeting, to be addressed by Bro. Edwin Harper and Bro. E. R. Lesesne.

All the churches are requested to send delegates.

R. D. ROLLINS,  
Clerk of Union.

## DOCK.

[Written for last week's Record.]

The farmers are busy housing their fodder.

Mr. J. C. Josey visited friends in Manning last week.

Miss Emmie Carraway, of Rome, visited Miss Sallie McConnell last week.

Miss Lila Mouzon, of Georgetown, who has been visiting Miss May Gourdin, has gone to Lanes, where she will visit her sister.

Mr. L. B. Steele, formerly of this place, but now of Timmons ville, is visiting in this community.

Miss Lalla Cook spent last week at Morrisville.

Miss Belle Gourdin has returned home.

Mr. W. E. Nesmith has gone to Charleston to purchase a stock of goods. He intends opening a mercantile business at Cades. He is a young man of splendid business ability and I have no doubt that he will succeed.

Messrs D. D. and F. Rhem and their families, accompanied by Dr. Hemmingway, of Rome, have gone to Glenn Springs.

Mr. Jerome Chandler has been very ill, but is improving.

There was a "star-light picnic" given in the grove of Mr. J. C. Josey last Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Lila Mouzon. The grove was brilliantly lighted by the delicate rays of the stars and prepared lights. At 10:30 refreshments were served, and the way we boys devoured cake and ice cream was a caution. We had Miss May Godwin as a hostess, and no better have been secured, for without exception she excels any that it has ever been my pleasure to be entertained by. The only regrets expressed was that the time flew by too rapidly.

## A Proficient Principal Lost.

Mr. E. C. Dennis, who for the past two years has been principal of the Kingstree school, and who was re-elected for the next term, has since been elected superintendent of the Edgefield graded school, and will not return to Kingstree. Under the supervision of Mr. Dennis the school here has been more prosperous than ever before, and the news of his election in Edgefield will be received with great regret by the patrons of the school here.

## A TEACHERS ANSWER.

### WHY ALL APPLICANTS DO NOT GET CERTIFICATES.

A Specimen of the Answers Given by Those Who Want to Teach.

At a recent examination, an applicant for a teachers' certificate of qualification to teach in the public schools, being required to "name the political divisions of North America," answered "Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia." Ample apprehension of North America! This is not a specimen of answers at the examination. Though many mistakes yet few such egregious errors are made. Nor is this applicant an exponent of applicants generally. But he is one of a class still too numerous who think that a very little learning—ability to write and cipher—is sufficient to "teach school"—public school. The delusion is happily fast fading away; but not yet is the fact fully appreciated that the day of the professional teacher has come in South Carolina—the time when those who would teach in even the common schools must make special and proper preparations for the work.

Some of the most important—perhaps the most important—laws upon the statute books of South Carolina are those relating to education. Fixed in the constitution of the State, the public school system, now permanent, needs to be practically perfected.

A first step in this direction is to secure competent teachers for the schools. Good schools cannot be held without faithful, able teachers. For the faithfulness of the teachers, the trustees and the parents of the pupils must attend primarily to that; the ability must be looked after by the county boards of education.

To aid the teachers in their preparations for their work the board for Williamsburg decided to hold county institutes this summer, one for the colored teachers and one for the white. The former has been held, was successfully conducted and well attended by those for whom it was held, and they profited by it, too. The institute for white teachers will be held the 23rd to the 28th inst. County Superintendent Lesesne has done all he can to make it a success. State Supt. Mayfield promises to provide a "faculty second to none to be had in the State." Will the teachers do their part? There are other points I would like to touch upon but this article is long enough.

E. G. C.

## To all Who Care for the old Soldiers of the Confederacy.

The undersigned have heard with pain of a gallant officer, now 73 years old, who with his wife is living in a neighboring county and is in need of the necessities of life. Neither of them can get any suitable work to do, and if they could would hardly be able to do it. Both belong to the historic families of the State, and this is to ask for them a small contribution to be sent to T. M. Gilland, Esq., Kingstree, S. C.

D. E. GORDON,  
J. E. DUNLOP,  
LOUIS JACOBS.

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Norton and Ellerbe,

[Published by Request.]

Editor Cotton Plant:—

I wish through your paper to say in a few words to the voters of the Sixth Congressional District in reference to candidates Ellerbe and Norton. It is a well known fact that Mr. Ellerbe and Mr. Norton held a conference and agreed to leave it to the discretion of mutual friends as to which one of them should make the race to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. John McLaurin. The record, that is the journal of the House and Constitutional Convention will show how Mr. Ellerbe voted, and the people in Marion county know that he made the race for the Legislature in 1894 in the primary and secured the support of the Conservatives with the distinct understanding that he was to run against B. R. Tillman for the Senate. The people of Marion know that after being nominated in the primary his name was upon an independent ticket in the general election, and he was voted for by conservatives and those who supported Pope for Governor, with the distinct understanding that he oppose the calling of a Constitutional Convention, that he vote against B. R. Tillman for the Senate. This is generally known to be the race for the Senate against Senator Brown and was badly defeated, in 1896. Now, returning with a man of Mr. Ellerbe's political record, what do you think of Gen. Norton going into agreement with him to use (Norton's) influence to elect Ellerbe, provided their mutual friends thought Mr. Ellerbe a proper man to make the race. That there was a conspiracy to elect men opposed to Gen. Tillman and thereby defeat him in the United States Senate, there is no doubt. Gen. Norton has this with question, and yet on the eve of a Congressional election is willing to trade off his influence in behalf of a man who passed a reformer and yet wanted to defeat Tillman for the Senate. With this showing, I am confident the reformers in the Sixth District will not give their support to either. Should Mr. Ellerbe or Mr. Norton deny this, I am and am willing to give the names of the best men in both counties in Marion county to prove it.

A LIVE REFORMER.

## Another Veteran Gone.

Mr. James J. Jordan died at his home at Gourdin last Sunday. He was an ex-Confederate soldier, having enlisted in the 24th regiment, company A, and Capt. China. He lost a leg in the bombardment of battery Wagener. He was 63 years old at the time of his death. He was a brave soldier, a true comrade, a peaceful citizen, he had many warm friends, all of whom will mourn his death.

H. W. B.

## JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

Cures Fever in One Day.

We have a lot of old battle metal on hand for sale at 10 cents per pound.